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TO AMBASSADOR VANCE FROM AMBASSADOR STEDMAN

1. YOU WILL NOTE FROM MY REPLY TO THE SECRETARY CONCERNING THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES (STATE 233134) THAT I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTTEL, I.E. THAT WASHINGTON NOW REQUIRES ADDITIONAL, "STANDARD" AID DOCUMENTATION BEFORE WE CAN PROCEED TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOB FOR A MODEST POLIT PROJECT IN CROP SUBSTITUTION. SINCE STARTING A DIALOGUE ON CROP SUBSTITUTION WITH WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER 1973, THIS IS THE FIRST WE WERE EVER TOLD THAT DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE REQUIRED. WE HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO FULFILL MANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO GET TO THE PONT WHERE WE COULD SUBMIT OUR PROPOSAL. I FEEL THAT WE WILL BE SET BACK FOR MONTHS AND ARE BEING PUT THROUGH AN UNNECESSARY PAPERWORK WRINGER. WE ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING OUR CREDIBILITY IF WE NOW MUST PREPARE A PROP AND THEN SUBMIT IT TO WASHINGTON FOR REVIEW. APART FROM THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PROP MAY NOT BE APPROVED, OR WILL BE CHANGED IN SOME SIGNIFICANT WAY, THE GOB IN MY OPINION WILL BE ENTITLED TO CONCLUDE THAT WE ARE NOT SERIOUS. THE CLIMATE IS RIPE FOR ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE MINISTERS OF COORDINATION, AGRICULTURE, AND INTERIOR ARE VITALLY CONCERNED, PREPARED TO COOPERATE, AND EXPECTINGGG

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EARLY NEGOTIATIONS.

2. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL REVERSE THAT REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE ME TO PROCEED NOW WITH NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A PROAG FOR THE PILOT PROJECT IN THE SAME WAY THAT YOU HAVE APPROVED OUR MOVING AHEAD WITH AGREEMENTS FOR THE OTHER SEGMENTS OF OUR OVERALL PROGRAM.

3. I WOULD WISH TO HAVE A USDA REPRESENTATIVE HERE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF NEGOTIATING THE PROAG ON THE POLOT PROJECT, AS I ASSUME YOU WILL SIGN A PASA WITH AGRICULTURE TO CARRY OUT OUR PORTION OF THE PROJECT.

4. HAVING HEARD FROM YOU DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT NARCOTICS PROGRAMS WOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO THE SAME PROCEDURE USED FOR REGULAR USAID DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FAVORABLY ON MY REQUEST.

5. WITH REGARD TO A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY STUDY, WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY A PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT SUCH A STUDY TO BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR. THE TOTAL COST IS \$66,000 AND INVOLVES THE SERVICES OF AN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, A SOCIOLOGIST, A SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGIST, AN AGRONOMIST, A STATISTICIAN AND VARIOUS SUPPORT PERSONNEL. IN BRIEF, THE STUDY WOULD MAKE COMPARATIVE PROFITABILITY STUDIES ON THE CROPS MOST LIKELY TO SUBSTITUTE FOR COCA, WOULD ANALYZE THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF CROP SUBSTITUTION AND MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS AREA; AND WOULD ANALYZE THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT OF COCA CONSUMPTION AS A PRELIMINARY STEP TO UNDERSTANDING CONDUCT ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF COCA.

6. IF THE DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO FINANCE THIS STUDY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND WE WILL ASK THE UNIVERSITY TO PREPARE A DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK PAPER. SUGGESTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WELCOME REGARDING THE SCOPE OF WORK, SINCE THE INTER-DISCIPLINARY STUDY IS A DEPARTMENTAL PROPOSAL.

7. EARLY RECEIPT OF REVISED INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS CONCERNING THE POLOT PROJECT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.  
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8. POST GREATLY BENEFITED FROM OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW NARCOTICS PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS WITH CRAIG BUCK OF YOUR STAFF, HE ALSO MET KEY GOB OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS AND REITERATED USG INTEREST IN CONTINUED COOPERATION AND INCREASED ACTIVITY TO COMBAT THIS PROBLEM.  
STEDMAN

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